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THE HOPI EAR-TORCH

Price: AUD\$10.00 + AUD\$2.00 p&h
Available: Hopi and Associates, PO Box 1648, Milton Qld 4064, Australia; phone (07) 367 3579 (see ad on page 73).

In the Chinese system, the use of heat on acupuncture points with burning moxa cones is familiar to many of us. Did you know that the North American Hopi Indians have a similar healing device called an ear-torch?

The Hopi Ear-Torch consists of a rolled tube of beeswax containing a pulverised mix of traditional medicinal herbs. You place the tube in your ear and burn off. Sounds strange?

It felt a little strange, too, as I lay on a pillow with my partner holding the burning ear-torch in my ear, balancing it delicately between her thumb and forefinger. It takes a short time to burn down, and leaves a warmish to hot feeling inside the ear, with a small deposit of powdery yellow herb residue. Your partner clears the residue out and then it's over to the other ear. Any toxic material comes out a dark brown discolouration in the powder.

The Hopi Ear-Torch is reputedly beneficial in treating pressure in the ears, hearing weakness, sinus, lymph glands, headache, blood circulation and ear infection. Try it yourselves!



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THE CURE FOR HIV AND AIDS

With 70 Case Histories

by Hulda Regehr Clark, Ph.D., N.D.

Published by ProMotion Publishing (1993), San Diego, CA, USA

ISBN 0-9636328-3-3 (430pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$39.00 + o/s p&h

Available: Natural Therapy Products; Inner Glow Health Products (see ads on page 80).

This is the sensational book from which we've extracted the article starting on page 15 of this issue. American biophysicist Dr Hulda Clark has concluded from extensive research that the common factor in all HIV and AIDS cases is benzene and human intestinal fluke infestation of the thymus gland. She also makes the startling revelation that HIV is a disease of the parasite itself.

By taking three herbs—wormwood, black walnut hull and cloves—according to prescribed instructions, and by removing petrochemical-based solvents from one's system and immediate environment, all trace of HIV and AIDS can be eliminated within six weeks.

In an easy-to-absorb style, Dr Clark presents just what you need to know to get rid of HIV and AIDS. Areas covered include dietary guidelines and food preparation tips; parasite maintenance programs; advice on removal of toxic metal residues; instructions for making an electronic self-diagnosis device for testing white blood cell counts; and much more. Dr Clark's advice is backed up with evidence from seventy case studies undertaken through her clinic.

Dr Clark includes an extensive list of products to avoid, e.g., flavoured food, cold cereals, shampoos, cosmetics, petroleum-based person-

al lubricants, and much more.

From the case histories included, it seems obvious that Dr Clark's simple treatment is achieving dramatic success, so it's worthy of urgent attention from the medical profession and general public alike.

WHEN THE EARTH NEARLY DIED Compelling Evidence of a Catastrophic World Change 9,500 BC

by D. S. Allan & J. B. Delair

Published by Gateway Books (1994), UK
ISBN 1-85860-008-1 (370pp pbk)

Price: STG£10.95 + o/s p&h

Available: Gateway Books, The Hollies, Wellow, Bath BA2 8QJ, UK; phone +44 225 83 5127, fax +44 225 84 0012.

This is a scholarly study into a great cataclysm which nearly wiped out life on Earth about 11,500 years ago. The Earth was in tremendous upheaval from extraordinary seismic and volcanic activity. Land masses sank, the Earth's crust warped, the planetary axis tilted, storms and floods abounded.

Geological researchers David Allan and Bernard Delair have amassed abundant biological, climatological and geological evidence questioning the assumptions about the last great ice age, supposed to have lasted until around 9,000 BC, and suggesting a cause for the catastrophe: a supernova fragment exploding into the solar system.

More than myth, the researchers have concluded that the whole solar system was affected by this cosmic event. It was bigger than could possibly have eventuated from comet, asteroid or meteor impact. At least one planet—between Mars and Jupiter—was destroyed, and both Mars and Earth were severely devastated.

The authors present their findings from various perspectives, including the study of terres-

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trial organic remains, the nature of present land-forms, the evidence of astronomy and geophysics, and accounts from traditional peoples around the world.

This book is bound to change your understanding of our Earth's recent geological history. There is so much evidence for catastrophism that the the orthodox 'gradualism' explanation pales in comparison. Compelling reading.

LUCKY BE DAMNED

by John Cumming

Published by Boolarong Publications

(1993), Qld 4006, Australia

ISBN 0-86439-162-5 (231pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$19.95 + AUD\$3.00 p&h (AUD\$6.00 p&h to NZ)

Available: PANART, 1/37 Duke Street, Sunshine Beach Qld 4567 (see ad on p. 81).

Mind pollution is the most serious threat facing us today, says John Cumming, a retired adman well placed to know. Over time, the communications explosion has compromised our clear thinking, our personal and national identities and ultimately our freedom, by encouraging us to accept the unacceptable.

One such unacceptable thing in Mr Cumming's view is the huge level of foreign ownership in Australia. His concern prompted him in 1990 to form AUSTAND who publish the AusBuy Guide. In mid-1993, AUSTAND published revised figures suggesting that foreign companies make and take a barely-taxed A\$100 billion annual profit out of this country.

Their statistics for the level of foreign ownership in various economic sectors are alarming: 100% of the pharmaceutical and motor vehicle industries; 98% of the chemical and electrical

sectors; 97% of mining and minerals; 95% processed foods; 92% oil and gas...the list goes on. Interestingly, AUSTAND started compiling their figures when the Australian Treasury discontinued publishing theirs. We await further news.

Meanwhile, the media certainly doesn't seem to be getting the message to the masses, which takes the pressure off our politicians to act before we are gagged, ringbarked and bled dry. Mr Cumming's turn of phrase is colourful, and his message could make you see red. The so-called "lucky country" is a myth, thus the author's title for this thought-provoking book.

SUPPRESSED INVENTIONS AND OTHER DISCOVERIES

Edited by Jonathan Eisen

Published by Auckland Institute of

Technology Press (1994), New Zealand

ISBN 0-9583334-7-5 (417pp pbk)

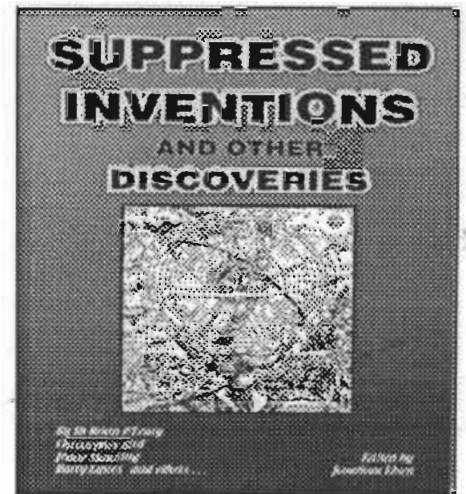
Price: AUD\$29.95; NZ\$29.95

Available: AUS—Dellasta, Reply Paid AAA 393, PO Box 777, Mount Waverley Vic. 3149 (see ad on page 52); NZ—AIT Press, Private Bag 92006, Auckland 1020.

This book is a must-read if you've ever wondered why certain promising inventions and techniques are suppressed—or, indeed, if you've ever doubted that anything can be suppressed in a world of increasingly accessible information.

Editor Jonathan Eisen sets the tone: "Any technology gets developed when there are enough interests to see that it gets developed, and suppressed when those championing the technology are not powerful enough to make it past the 'vested interests'"—which just about sums it up.

This compilation covers how the 'suppression syndrome' works (the mass media gets some of the blame here). It details how it operates in



medicine/health, e.g., in withholding cures for cancer and AIDS. Included are contributions from Christopher Bird on Gaston Naessens, Harry Hoxsey on medical conspiracies, Ed McCabe on oxygen therapies, Barry Lynes on Rife's breakthroughs.

Next on the hit list is suppression of scientific discovery, highlighting luminaries like Tesla, T. T. Brown, Reich, Velikovsky. UFOs and Mars Mission cover-ups rate a mention with articles from Dr Brian O'Leary and Prof. Stanley McDaniel.

Finally, conspiracies in alternative energy systems are considered, e.g., Pacheco's hydrogen technology and Peter Nielsen's mechanical fuel vaporiser.

These and other great ideas may well see the clear light of day, but the first step in gaining acceptance in consensus reality is to disseminate the knowledge. *Suppressed Inventions...* goes another step in encouraging self-empowerment and achieving success against the odds.



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OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Mystery Animals of Australia

by Tony Healy and Paul Cropper

Published by Ironbark (1994), Pan

Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd

ISBN 0-330-27499-6 (200pp pbk)

Price: \$AUD19.95

Distributor: Pan Macmillan Australia, Level 18, St Martins Tower, 31 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia; available in most local bookshops.

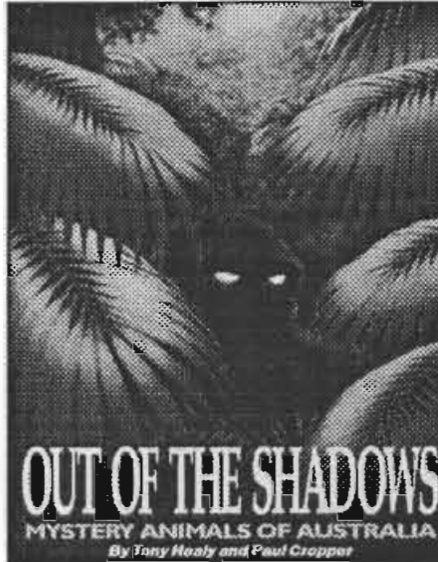
Have you ever wondered whether the yowie or bunyip really exist? Do you doubt that the Tasmanian tiger was actually wiped out in 1936?

Out of the Shadows is the first book to document Australia's own mystery creatures, from the semi-mythical to the all but real. Evidence for the existence of bunyips, yowies, marsupial lions and tigers, giant cats and even mainland thylacines (Tasmanian tiger), is pulled together from Aboriginal legend, pioneers' tales and latter-day eyewitness accounts, photographs and illustrations. The painstaking investigations by researchers like Rex Gilroy are also given due credit for their input into these mysteries.

With more than twenty years' joint research effort behind them, authors Tony Healy and Paul Cropper still want readers to make up their own minds about the information they present. The fact that bunyips are so integral to south-eastern Australian Aboriginal legend and, allegedly, were sighted by modern settlers, points to their being more than mere myth; and yet minimal physical evidence for bunyips and, indeed, yowies, may hint at origins beyond our mundane 3D reality.

Fact or fantasy, the existence of these mysterious animals is part of Australian folklore and thus our heritage. For those who want to explore further, the authors have provided

some useful maps and source material as a basis for fieldwork and historical research. Perhaps this book will inspire a few more scientists out there to consider cryptozoology in a more serious light.



WE, FROM MARS—Old and New Hypotheses about the Red Planet

by Walter Hain

Published by Mars Findings (1992), PO Box 19, 1218 Vienna, Austria (originally published 1979 by Ellenberg Verlag, Cologne, Germany)

ISBN 3-921369-53-3 (125pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$20.00 + p&h

Available: Theosophical Bookshop, 126-128 Russell Street, Melbourne Vic. 3000; phone (03) 650 3955, fax (03) 650 4894.

This is a translated and revised version of Walter Hain's book, originally published in

Germany in 1979 as *Wir, Vom Mars*. As such, it was the first book to be written about the mysterious Face on Mars and the possibility of an ancient civilisation having existed on the 'red planet'.

Walter Hain first noticed the Face on Mars in *Viking 1* photographs released by NASA in December 1976. He requested and eventually was sent some of the relevant Cydonia photos in late 1977 by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory despite their having no knowledge of what Hain had described.

Thus, Hain's self-published work preceded Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar's "Unusual Martian Surface Features" report by a year—and public awareness of the Cydonia Face and pyramids was still a long way off.

In this 1992 revised edition, Walter Hain includes appendix updates on the Phobos missions, on Richard Hoagland's research into the monuments of Mars, and on the SETI program.

This is a fascinating record of one man's journey into the unknown. It's supported by photo documentation, maps and references but is also highly speculative about the Mars surface findings and their implications. A classic book which naturally raises more questions than it answers.

ALPHABET OF THE HEART

by Daniel Winter

Published by Crystal Hill Farm, Daniel Winter and Friends (1993), Eden, NY, USA
ISBN n/a (252pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$55.00 inc. local p&h

Available: Cliff Pound, PO Box 202, Bangalow NSW 2479, Australia; phone (066) 87 1387.

If you love delving into sacred geometry, Platonic solids, harmonic resonance and energy grids, you'll be truly inspired by Dan Winter's explorations. His basic thesis is that

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we can empower our creativity by understanding the principles of creation right in our own nervous systems.

Our health, emotional well-being, and environment are all linked in the language of geometry. Even the ancient alphabets such as Hebrew were derived from light geometrics as frequency fingerprints.

These and many other forms, portrayed as computer-generated designs, are lavishly featured throughout this book. This material will send you soaring. The representation of the DNA helix as a wratched dodecahedron waveform is awesome.

Dan Winter and Friends' forays into the landscape of the heart are groundbreaking. Using an EKG, they can chart the heart's electricity as a coherent pattern during moments of love and compassion. Through the electricity of our emotional field, we braid feeling into our environment in a sacred symbiosis.

This *Alphabet of the Heart* strikes a sweet chord. Its language is a synthesis of vortex symmetry and sacred geometry. It makes sense and it feels right. This anthology is a rare gem.

ENTITIES—Parasites of the Body of Energy by Dr Samuel Sagan

Published by Clairvision School (1994)

ISBN 0-646-17882-2 (184pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$23.95 + \$2 p&h (\$3 to NZ)

Available: Clairvision School, PO Box 33, Roseville NSW 2069, Australia (see ad on page 82); or Sydney Esoteric Bookshop (see ad on page 55).

Western science and medicine has paid scant attention to the entity phenomenon, yet it is so age-old that most traditional cultures recognise

it and have developed techniques for dealing with it. 'Entity' in this context refers to a non-physical being, energy, presence that attaches itself to a human being in parasite-like fashion.

Author Dr Samuel Sagan, a medical doctor, has amassed intriguing case examples of people who have been possessed to varying degrees by discarnate spirits. Entity interference can create a range of emotional, mental and physical problems including eating disorders, uncontrollable outbursts and severe disease—all the more reason for a rational analysis of the subject.

Dr Sagan has a fresh, easy-to-comprehend approach, presenting key facts about entities that we must know in order to explore their mechanisms and motivations.

He also outlines a powerful technique for developing inner vision to see the source of emotional and psychological blocks and clear them with minimum trauma (with help from a qualified therapist).

Dr Sagan's perspective deserves serious attention for it fills important holes in our understanding of the whole person and its evolutionary progress. Captivating reading!

MAN-MADE UFOs, 1944-1994

50 Years of Suppression

by Renato Vesco and David Hatcher Childress

Published by Adventures Unlimited Press

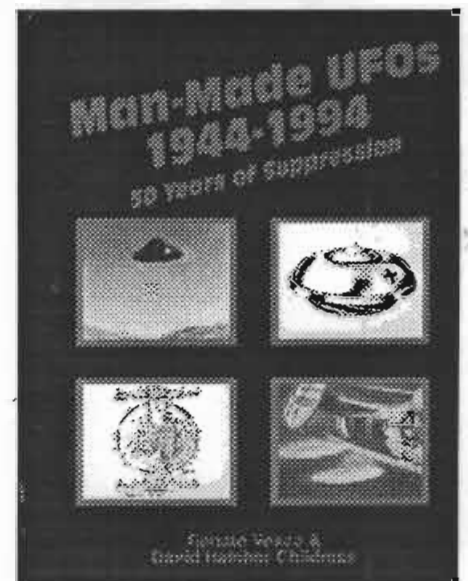
(1994), Stelle, Illinois, USA

ISBN 0-932813-23-2 (435pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$34.00 + p&h

Available: Sydney Esoteric Bookshop (see ad on page 55).

A comprehensive and in-depth look at the early "flying saucer" technology of Nazi Germany and the genesis of early man-made UFOs from the captured German scientists and escaped battalions of German troops, to secret



communities in South America and Antarctica, to today's state-of-the-art "Dreamland" flying machines.

The book uncovers and examines a lot of information that emerged after World War II relating to anti-gravity and man-made flying saucer research. These were the years when a lot of information 'slipped out' into the public arena, an era which lasted until the mid-1950s when a 'clamp-down' on such discussion appears to have been put in place.

For those interested in UFOs, anti-gravity research, mysterious Nazi and US experiments in the Antarctic, secret societies or conspiracies, this is your next Christmas present to yourself.

This weighty tome is heavily illustrated with maps, photographs, charts and technical diagrams and is highly recommended reading.



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THE ALTERNATIVE

by Dennis Lee and Better World Technology

Published by Better World Technology (1994), Sussex, NJ, USA

ISBN (applied for) (173pp pbk)

Price: USD\$24.95 (surface to Aust/NZ) or USD\$37.75 (airmail to Aust/NZ)

Available: Better World Technology, PO Box 196, Sussex NJ 07461, USA; phone +1 (201) 875 3400, fax +1 (201) 875 2588.

This is an eye-opening book by American free energy researcher Dennis Lee. NEXUS readers should know a little of his story and his innovations from the article published in volume 2, no. 22.

Dennis Lee calls himself an "accidental felon", having been sentenced to three years in prison on a civil code misdemeanour for not

filling out a form he was unaware of, and for which he was not actually convicted. Now a 'free' man, Lee maintains that 'the system' conspires on a regular basis to erode—and eliminate—the freedoms of all citizens, even the law-abiding.

The ruling elite, in his view, have made a mockery of the 'justice' system, replacing it with a 'just us' system. The extent of their control spans the entire judiciary, law enforcement agencies, legislature, mass media, the telephone and post companies and the energy utilities. In an economy where energy equals power, we can understand why certain groups would not want the public to have clean, safe, cheap and independently produced energy.

The Alternative presents documentation which proves Dennis Lee was the victim of a dirty tricks campaign. It's aimed at many of us who don't believe conspiracies exist merely because we've not been directly exposed to them. We need to wisen up.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

by Ray Pendergraft

Published by Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (1994), Garberville, CA, USA

ISBN 0-945685-15-7 (352pp pbk)

Price: USD\$13.95 + o/s p&h

Available: Borderland Sciences Research Foundation, PO Box 429, Garberville, CA, USA, phone +1 (707) 986 7211, fax +1 (707) 986 7272.

What could be more precious than gold? Clay! This is the story of Pascalite, a unique clay with powerful health-enhancing properties, known to the native Americans as *ee-wah-kee*, the Earth that heals.

Pascalite is found only in an eighteen-foot vein within the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming. It is a cream-coloured, cheese-like substance, super rich in organically assimilable

minerals and trace elements. The clay is hand-mined underground, sun-dried in the mountains, then powdered as a preparation for internal and external use.

First introduced to European settlers by a French trapper, Emile Pascale, after whom the substance is named, Pascalite has been distributed since the 1930s as "Life Mud". It reputedly has great health benefits for humans but also for animals and plants.

More Precious Than Gold reads like a novel you can't put down. It relates the Pascalite saga from the viewpoint of two pioneers, Ray (the author) and Peggie Pendergraft, whose lives became inextricably linked with this magical material. You won't be able to resist exploring Pascalite further, once you become absorbed in this story.

CRYSTAL MISSION

by Dr Cornelius van Dorp

Published by RSVP Publishing Company Ltd (1992), PO Box 47-166, Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand

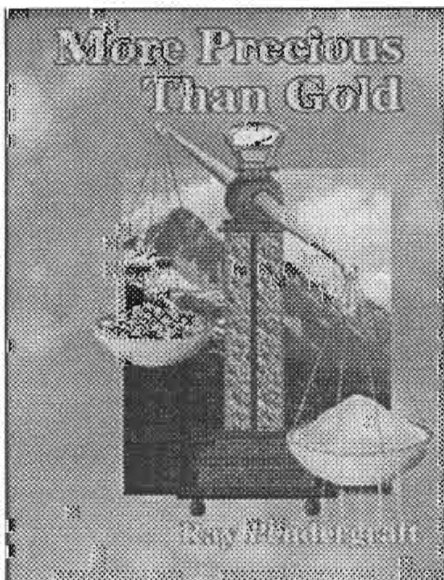
ISBN 0-9597948-1-6 (419pp pbk)

Price: AUD\$29.95

Available: Banyan Tree Book Distributors, PO Box 269, Stirling SA 5152, Australia; phone (08) 388 5354, fax (08) 388 5365; and selected bookshops.

This is an adventure story with a difference. It is told by an Auckland-based doctor whose journey kicked off when he joined the 1987 Greenpeace Antarctic expedition. During that year he became the link on that lonely continent for the global harmonic convergence event, and from there his life took on a new meaning, rich with synchronistic happenings.

Dr Cornelius van Dorp's explorations are all about what happens when you give up normal patterns of logic, and trust in the synchronous, the power of coincidence. He's found that this



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power has helped guide him in his travels to people, places, artefacts and scientific evidence he may not have otherwise discovered.

The scope of this unique traveller's tale includes the ancient history of planet Earth—from Australian Aboriginal, New Zealand Maori and North American Hopi sources; the planetary electromagnetic grid system with its interconnection points at key sacred sites around the world; ancient healing techniques using crystals and electromagnetism; and the importance of age-old archetypes in assisting us to find our own potential within—our individual crystal missions.

Dr van Dorp's journey is a mystical one which continues to this day. We here at NEXUS who appreciate the joys of synchronicity weren't surprised when, out of the blue, we received an unrelated fax from the good doctor just as, unbeknown to him, we were about to start reviewing his book. May the force be with you, too!

THE DREAM AND LIE OF LOUIS PASTEUR by R. B. Pearson

Published by Sumeria Press (1994),
Collingwood, Victoria, Australia
ISBN 0-646-19541-7 (107pp pbk)
Price: AUD\$12.75 inc. local p&h
(AUD\$3.00 p&h to NZ)
Available: Sumeria Press (see ad on page
77).

In NEXUS vol. 2, no. 15 we reviewed a reprint of the 1942 R. B. Pearson classic, *Pasteur: Plagiarist, Imposter!—The Germ Theory Exploded!* Here is another reprint of this title to remind you that the germ theory of disease as we've been taught is wrong.

Today, more than 50 years after Pearson's book came out, the truth is still not acknowledged by the medical profession at large who are pushing serums and other biologicals harder than ever.

The author presents detailed proof that 'germs' do not cause disease—they may be present solely as scavengers of waste products in the system.

Pearson's work is an excellent entrée to Pasteur's theory and practice, detailing first of all how Pasteur deliberately appropriated and falsified the work of another scientist, Antoine Béchamp. Clearly, Pasteur had not understood Béchamp's *mycrozyme* explanation of disease; nor did he understand the consequences of the vaccines that he and his followers created.

This book is of particular benefit for those investigating the effectiveness (or not) of vaccinations. Let's hope we won't have to wait another 50 years for all this information to sink into the medical profession's collective psyche.

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY with David Hatcher Childress

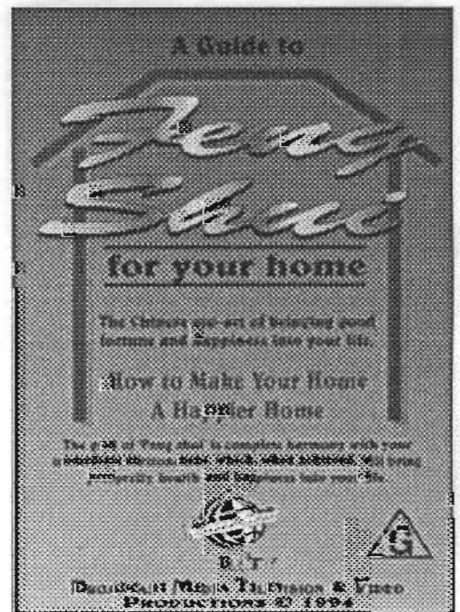
Produced by Network 23 Productions
(1994), Valley Heights, NSW, Australia
Price: AUD\$40.00 (60mins PAL/VHS)
Available: NEXUS Magazine, PO Box 30,
Mapleton Qld 4560, Australia; phone (074)
42 9280, fax (074) 42 9381.

This is a very thought-provoking video! I was quite amazed at the variety and extent of material presented by Childress, especially the photographs of strange markings on the Earth's Moon. There are some photographs which have to be seen to be believed!

Over half of the video is dedicated to a plethora of mysterious anomalies to do with our Moon. The other half looks at some interesting tidbits pertaining to Mars and its moons, Venus, Jupiter and its moons, and more.

This video has inspired me to allocate an article on the subject in an upcoming issue.

Great video, and great viewing!



A GUIDE TO FENG SHUI FOR YOUR HOME

with Eric Dowsett

Produced by Broadcast Media (1994),
Nambour, Qld, Australia
Price: AUD\$34.00 inc. p&h (45mins
PAL/VHS)

Available: Broadcast Media Television &
Video Productions, PO Box 289, Nambour
Qld 4560, Australia; phone 1 800 813 999,
(074) 78 1704 (see ad on page 78).

Feng Shui is the Chinese art of environmental energy balancing. It integrates elements of house design, siting, building and even furni-



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ture layout to obtain smooth Qi (Ch'i) or energy flow throughout a house.

Environmental energy consultant Eric Dowsett shows you areas where Qi flows smoothly and where it is stagnant, and problem areas of Sha Qi, where Qi is moving too fast in too straight a line.

He demonstrates simple, inexpensive ways to improve the feel of your home using the principles of Feng Shui. Each individual area is taken into consideration—for example, the entrance, stairs, kitchen, etc.

By studying this video and applying the information, you should be able to bring a new balance into your home. After all, the goal of Feng Shui is complete harmony with your immediate environment and the achievement of prosperity, health and happiness in your life.

PALMISTRY—Teaching the People

Produced by Enneagram (1994)
Price: AUD\$35.00 + \$5.00 p&h (\$7.00 p&h NZ) (90mins PAL/VHS)
Available: Halo, PO Box 744, Kogarah, NSW 2217, Australia; phone/fax (02) 588 6691 (see ad on page 65).

This is an informative, 'hands on' introduction to the principles, practice and benefits of palmistry. For those who enjoy the video medium, this is a great way to grasp the basics of palm-reading.

Instruction covers hand shapes, all the major lines and many minor ones, and other key areas of the hand. It explains all the different line shapes, and the personality traits or types of events that correlate with these.

Some of the interpretations could be considered rather judgmental, i.e., either good or bad, but they're easily understood if you reflect on what is being presented.

As you explore the art of palmistry, the more you come to realise the key to self-understanding is literally in the palm of your hand.

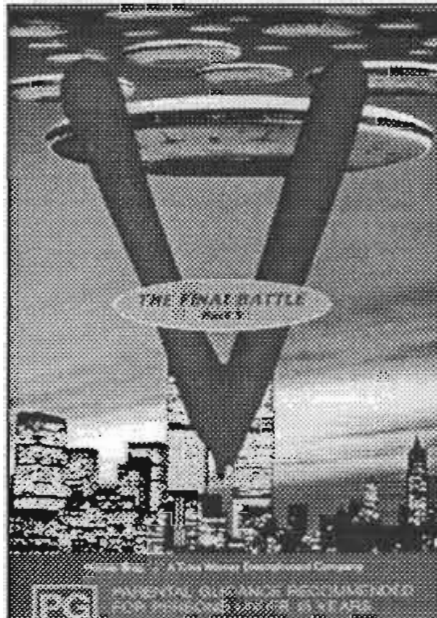
PROF. JOHN R. R. SEARL—Munich Lecture 1989

Price: AUD\$60.00 inc. p&h (o/s p&h phone for quote) (4hrs PAL/VHS)
Available: Searl Group Australia, PO Box 6, Cunderdin WA 6407; phone (096) 35 1540.

At last we got a PAL/VHS copy of the Searl 1989 Munich Lecture that we could see to review—it was worth the wait. I was keen to watch this video to see if I could understand further what drives the Searl Effect Generator.

"Mad scientists", as I affectionately refer to them, can often be so focussed on their work and research that they forget how to effectively communicate to the rest of the world what it

is they have discovered. Searl nearly falls into this category a few times when he dives into a level of discussion that goes way over my head. But I have to say that I feel he is onto something valid, and any Searl fans out there should definitely get this video.



V & V: THE FINAL BATTLE

Produced by Warner Bros (1983-4, 1992), USA

Price: AUD\$90.00 (Parts 1-5, 3 tapes, 7.5hrs, PAL/VHS)

Available: WA Texas Trading, PO Box 71, Kalamunda WA 6076, Australia (see ad on page 83).

This reviewer has fond shock-horror memories of seeing *V* on tv in the mid-'80s. With the video now available, I was keen to see it again from a 1990s perspective.

The verdict? *V* is still a gripping drama, full of pathos and hope, struggle and victory against overwhelming odds. It is a morality play as well as an allegorical tale.

V came uncomfortably close to some secret truths back then, but it seems closer to the truth and even more relevant now in the light of revelations about various UFO scenarios in recent years.

It's the story of an invasion of Earth by reptilian aliens who look human on the surface and who claim to come in peace to obtain our assistance in saving their home planet. Their intentions and deceptive façades are eventually exposed and small groups of resistance fighters go on to thwart their plans.

V is a warning to us all not to be fooled by appearances and platitudes—whether they be Earth-based or extraterrestrially-sourced.

Far out, essential viewing!

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AUDIO

OF DREAMS AND DISCOVERIES

by Tony O'Connor

Produced by Studio Horizon Productions Pty Ltd (1994), Nambour, Qld, Australia
Price: AUD\$18.95 (cass.), AUD\$25.95 (CD) (50mins)

Available: Steve Parish Publishing, PO Box 2160, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006, Australia; phone (07) 254 1914, fax (07) 358 4612.

The latest album from Tony O'Connor represents a very personal journey of rediscovery for him. It's a musical interpretation of Tony's exploration into the changes, dreams and confrontations that have shaped his life. These "musical emotions" as he calls them, opened doors for Tony. He shares his interpretations with us in the hope that we, too, will be inspired by the joy of constant self-discovery.

Of Dreams and Discoveries is a collection of soul-stirring reflections on youth, on sharing moments and dreams, on broken dreams, hope of friendship and glimpses into hidden worlds. Tony O'Connor weaves his web with haunting acoustic guitar, gently soaring piano and orchestral arrangements, airy pan flute notes and the occasional pluck on the old harp strings.

This musical voyage is designed to let the listener drift into inner, intimate worlds where time stands still. An absorbing yet very relaxing album.

DRUM SONGS

by John Orlando

Produced by John Orlando (1994) for Culmination Music, Colorado, USA
Price: US\$9.98 (cass.), US\$14.98 (CD) + USD\$5.00 o/s p&h (43mins)

Available: Culmination Music, 6154 S. Meadowbrook Drive, Morrison CO 80465, USA; phone/fax +1 (303) 697 1150.

A preference for natural sounds has led musician John Orlando to record this album using all drums and percussion instruments indigenous to many lands. He has done so without the use of drum machines which he maintains are destroying the natural response of the human ear to percussion.

We have come, he says, "to expect that perfect, regimented sound" and become conditioned to respond to its beat. He suggests it's our right to know what is entering our bodies and all music with artificial 'ingredients' ought to be labelled appropriately.

This album, *Drum Song*, combines natural sounds with exotic and native instruments to produce a percussion sound easy on the ear and rhythmically satisfying to drum enthusiast and ordinary music fan alike. A friendly, energising music experience.

THIS ISLAND EARTH

by Mark Nine

Produced by Mark Nine for Underworld Records, California, USA

Price: USD\$10 (cass.), USD\$12 (CD) + USD\$4.00 o/s p&h (45mins)

Available: Underworld Records, 6312 Hollywood Blvd, #145, Hollywood, CA 90028, USA; phone +1 (213) 462 5453, fax +1 (213) 466 1035.

Perhaps one way to describe this album would be as an innovative, acid-rocky, lazy-hazy, psychedelic collection of reminders of the 'sixties thrown into late 'nineties-to-come futurism. I've managed to listen to it several times now and the music really grows on one.

Mark's top tracks include a wonderful soothing cover of the Moody Blues' "Tuesday Afternoon" and a beautifully layered version of the Beatles' "Tomorrow Never Knows". Up with them is his magical "Lifting the Clouds over Venus".

Mark describes himself as being from the 'sixties generation that was promised an unlimited, bright future—but all he ended up with was a crummy t-shirt!

He's reeled the album with a few recorded historical quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr, Jimmy Swaggart and others.

A non-linear array of new (and yet old) experimental music, with some references to the CIA, Jonestown and mind control thrown in.

Worth hearing.

THE DREAM OF THE CURRAWONG

by William Bowden

Produced by Alex Svecic for Terra Australis Records (1994), Chippendale, NSW, Australia

Price: AUD\$19.95 (cass), AUD\$29.95 (CD) + p&h (60mins)

Available: GLD Music, 79-81 Buckland Street, Chippendale, NSW 2008, Australia; phone (02) 310 1866, fax (02) 319 0097; and selected music stores.

A pleasant, ambient recording capturing the feel of the Australian landscape's timelessness. Combined birdsong and water sounds add to the atmosphere of floating tones that capture places of secrets in the bush.

Among the tracks that impress are "Dawn Becomes Day", a re-creation of the beginning of a forest morning with the awakening of daylight and warmth in the trees, and "The Dream of the Currawong" which holds the magic of this black bird encapsulated in the rippling wave of a synthesiser. Others include "Light Rain at Stoney Creek" and "Lady of the Lake" which carry their softly haunting strains through the listeners' mind.

Recommended for sharing the quiet of a peaceful evening.